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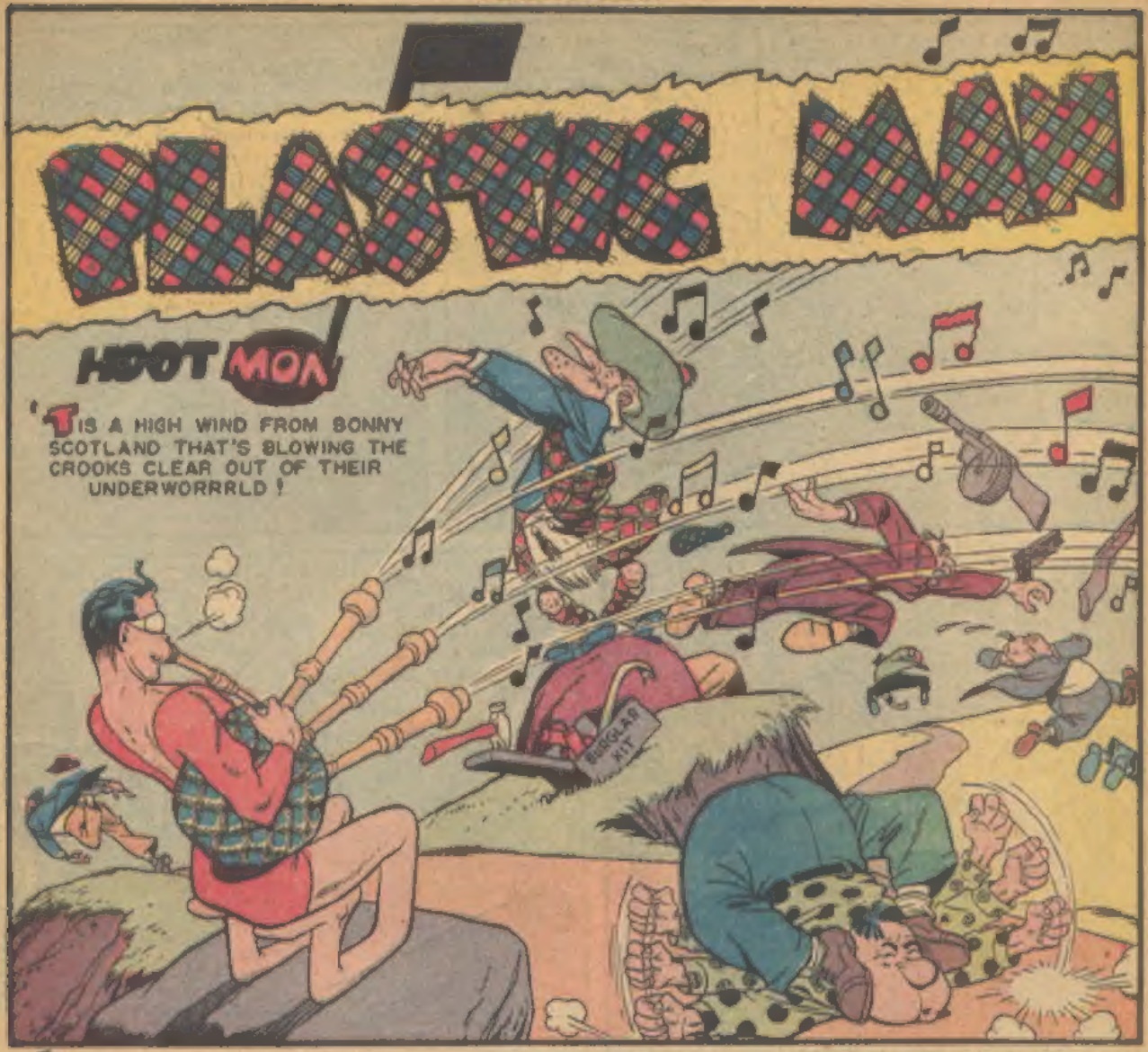
Angus MacWhangus helps **PLASTIC MAN** wrap up a whole mob in one thrifty package!


PLASTIC MAN
HOOT MON!
'TIS A HIGH WIND FROM BONNY SCOTLAND THAT'S BLOWING THE CROOKS CLEAR OUT OF THEIR UNDERWORRRLD!
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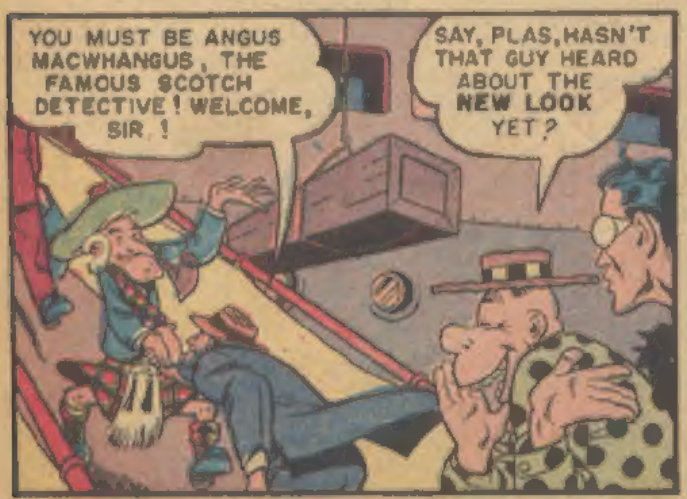
SOUND THE BAGPIPES! AMERICA IS GREETING A DISTINGUISHED GENIUS FROM A FAR LAND...


YOU MUST BE ANGUS MACWHANGUS, THE FAMOUS SCOTCH DETECTIVE! WELCOME, SIR!
SAY, PLAS, HASN'T THAT GUY HEARD ABOUT THE NEW LOOK YET?

DON'T WORRY, MR. MACWHANGUS, THIS TAXI'S PAID FOR BY THE F.B.I.! WE'LL GO TO MY OFFICE FOR A CONFERENCE!
MAYBE HE WEARS KILTS BECAUSE HIS FEET ARE TOO BIG TO GO INTO TROUSERS!
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HE'S GOING TO F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS, CARNIGO! I DON'T WANT TO TACKLE HIM THERE!
BUT HE'S GOTTA BE TACKLED, TULA! YOU AND DELTOID CAN HELP ME WIPE THAT SCOTCH MIST CLEAR OUT OF OUR LIVES!
SOON...
WHAT AM I DOING HERE, DO YE ASK? SWITH, IT'S A SECRET...AND IF I TOLD, EVEN THE F.B.I., TWOULDN'T BE A SECRET ANY MAIR!
THERE'S A LADY HERE ASKING FOR MR. MACWHANGUS!
I'M LOOKING FOR ANGUS MACWHANGUS, THE DISTINGUISHED SCOTCH CRIMINOLOGIST!
FOOSH, LUCKY GIRRL, YER SEARCH HAS COME TO AN END! I'M ANGUS MACWHANGUS IN PERRRRSON!
WHAT DO YE SAY, ME BONNIE BLUE BELL, TO SEEKIN' A TAVERN AND DRINKIN' A WEE DRAPPIE... AT A REASONABLE PRICE, O' COURSE!
I'LL FOLLOW THEM, CHIEF! MAYBE SHE'S THE PERSON WHO SENT FOR HIM TO COME HERE!
WAIT, PLAS! WHILE YOU'RE FINDING OUT ABOUT MACWHANGUS, I'D LIKE TO TAG ALONG AND FIND OUT ABOUT THAT DAINTY MORSEL WITH HIM!
DON'T SLOW ME UP, WOOZY! I'LL LOSE SIGHT OF THEM!
THEN...
SUPPOSE, MR. MACWHANGUS, I SAID I COULD FIX THINGS FOR YOU TO MAKE A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY!
HOOT-TOOT, LASSIE! IT WOULDNA IMPRESS ME AT ALL!
I'M NOT A WEE BIT INTERESTED IN MAKIN' MONEY... ONLY IN SAVIN' IT!
BRIBERY WON'T WORK ON HIM, CARNIGO! I'LL GO IN THERE AND PICK A FIGHT!
CRACK!

WHY, HERE COMES...
YEAH, TULA! YOUR FORSAKEN LOVED ONE! SO I FIND YOU CUTTING UP WITH THIS HIGHLAND CASANOVA!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO BUST UP MY ROMANCE! I'LL BUST YOU!
I'LL GET OUT OF HERE AND GIVE DELTOID ROOM TO PULVERIZE THAT SCOTCH SLEUTH ---OOPS!
WHO'S GETTING IN MY WAY?
PLASTIC MAN'S THE NAME! SAY, YOUR FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR ... I'LL TRY NOT TO CHANGE IT TOO MUCH!
BAR
MY JOB'S TO PROTECT AND HELP MR. MACWHANGUS! I'LL START BY JOLTING YOUR SOLAR PLEXUS, THEN I'LL RIGHT HOOK YOU INTO A SPIN, THEN...
WHISSSSHT, LADDIE! DINNA BE PRODIGAL WITH YER PUNCHES! WILLFUL WASTE MAKES WOEFUL WANT!
ONE SOCK IS A SUFFICIENCY, D'YE KEN? 'TWILL QUIET HIM DOWN LIKE A NOGGIN O' SCOTCH WHISKEY!
BLESS MY SOUL, WHAT TECHNIQUE!
WUAP!
NOW, MY TRUSTY FRRIEND, LET'S GAE GET SOMETHING TO EAT ... AT YOUR EXPENSE, PREFERABLY!
WAKE UP, DELTOID! WE'LL HAVE TO REPORT TO CARNIGO!
HOW TENDERLY SHE HELPS THAT POOR SICK MAN ACROSS THE STREET! AMONG ALL THOSE OTHER ADVANTAGES, SHE HAS A KIND HEART! JUST MY TYPE!
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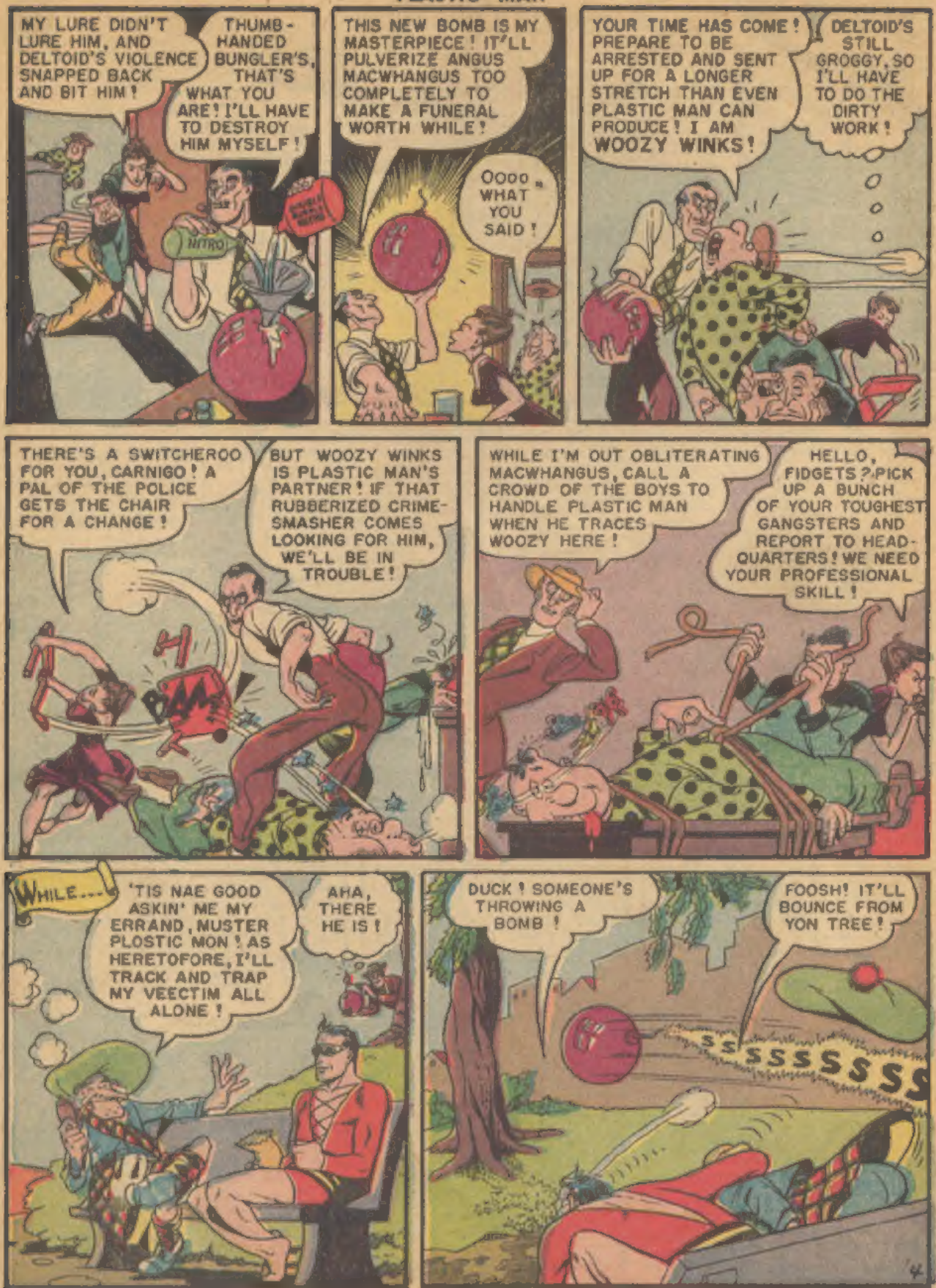
MY LURE DIDN'T LURE HIM, AND DELTOID'S VIOLENCE SNAPPED BACK AND BIT HIM!
THUMB-HANDED BUNGLER'S, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE! I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY HIM MYSELF!
NITRO
THIS NEW BOMB IS MY MASTERPIECE! IT'LL PULVERIZE ANGUS MACWHANGUS TOO COMPLETELY TO MAKE A FUNERAL WORTH WHILE!
OOOO WHAT YOU SAID!
YOUR TIME HAS COME! PREPARE TO BE ARRESTED AND SENT UP FOR A LONGER STRETCH THAN EVEN PLASTIC MAN CAN PRODUCE! I AM WOOZY WINKS!
DELTOID'S STILL GROGGY, SO I'LL HAVE TO DO THE DIRTY WORK!
THERE'S A SWITCHEROO FOR YOU, CARNIGO! A PAL OF THE POLICE GETS THE CHAIR FOR A CHANGE!
BUT WOOZY WINKS IS PLASTIC MAN'S PARTNER! IF THAT RUBBERIZED CRIME-SMASHER COMES LOOKING FOR HIM, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
BAM
WHILE I'M OUT OBLITERATING MACWHANGUS, CALL A CROWD OF THE BOYS TO HANDLE PLASTIC MAN WHEN HE TRACES WOOZY HERE!
HELLO, FIDGETS? PICK UP A BUNCH OF YOUR TOUGHEST GANGSTERS AND REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS! WE NEED YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILL!
WHILE...
'TIS NAE GOOD ASKIN' ME MY ERRAND, MUSTER PLOSTIC MON! AS HERETOFORE, I'LL TRACK AND TRAP MY VEECTIM ALL ALONE!
AHA, THERE HE IS!
DUCK! SOMEONE'S THROWING A BOMB!
FOOSH! IT'LL BOUNCE FROM YON TREE!
SSSSSSSSS
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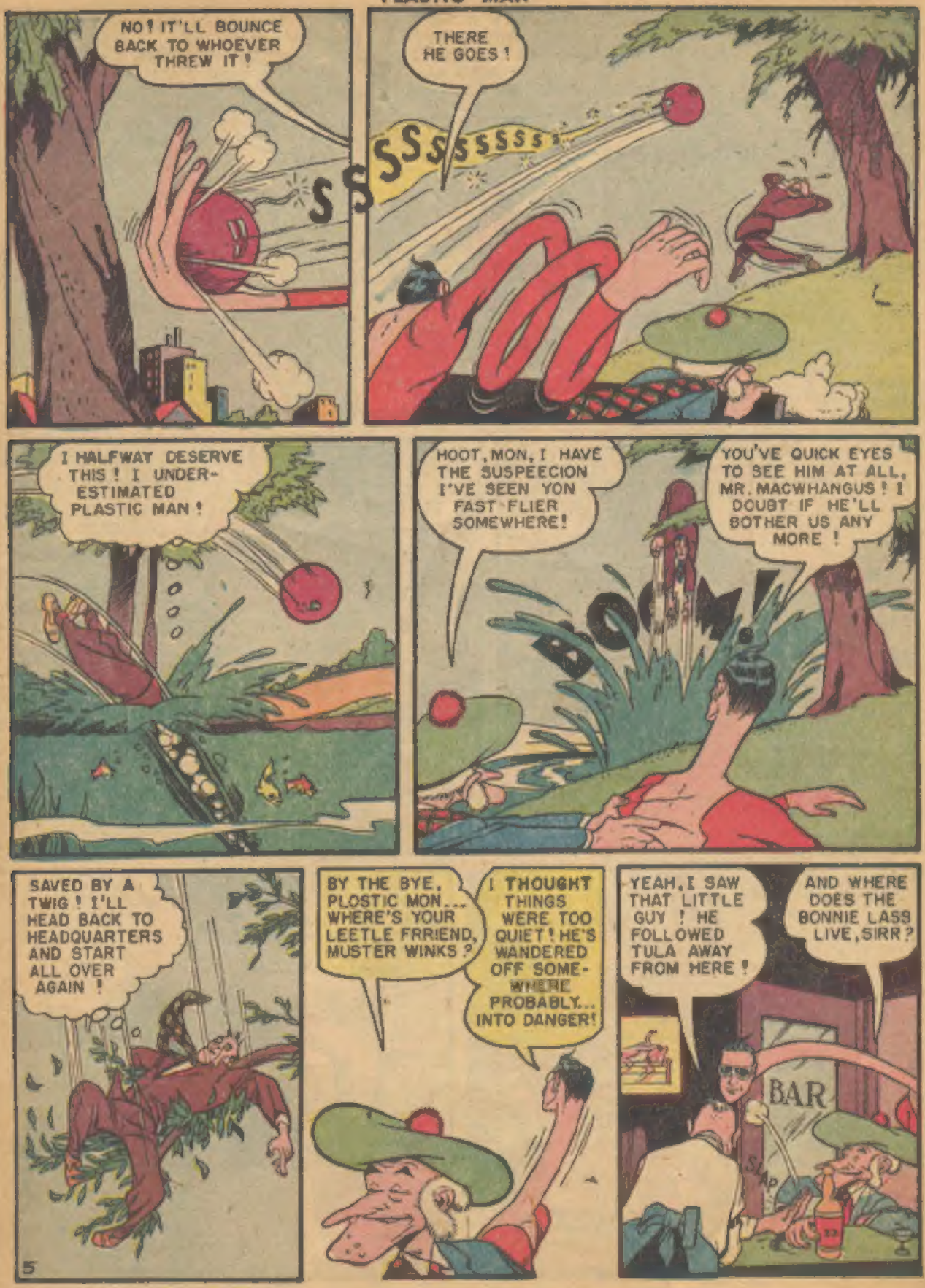
NO! IT'LL BOUNCE BACK TO WHOEVER THREW IT!
SSSSSSSSS
THERE HE GOES!
I HALFWAY DESERVE THIS! I UNDER-ESTIMATED PLASTIC MAN!
HOOT, MON, I HAVE THE SUSPEECION I'VE SEEN YON FAST FLIER SOMEWHERE!
YOU'VE QUICK EYES TO SEE HIM AT ALL, MR. MACWHANGUS! I DOUBT IF HE'LL BOTHER US ANY MORE!
SAVED BY A TWIG! I'LL HEAD BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AND START ALL OVER AGAIN!
BY THE BYE, PLOSTIC MON... WHERE'S YOUR LEETLE FRRIEND, MUSTER WINKS?
I THOUGHT THINGS WERE TOO QUIET! HE'S WANDERED OFF SOMEWHERE PROBABLY... INTO DANGER!
YEAH, I SAW THAT LITTLE GUY! HE FOLLOWED TULA AWAY FROM HERE!
AND WHERE DOES THE BONNIE LASS LIVE, SIRR?
BAR
SLAP
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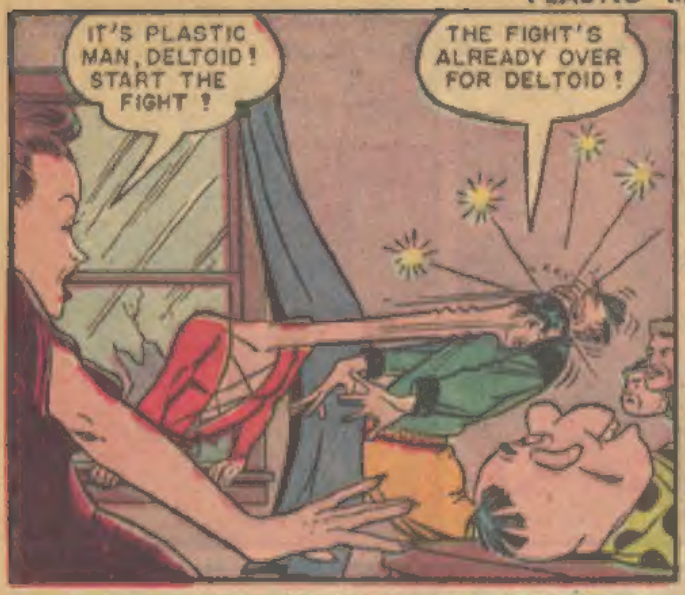
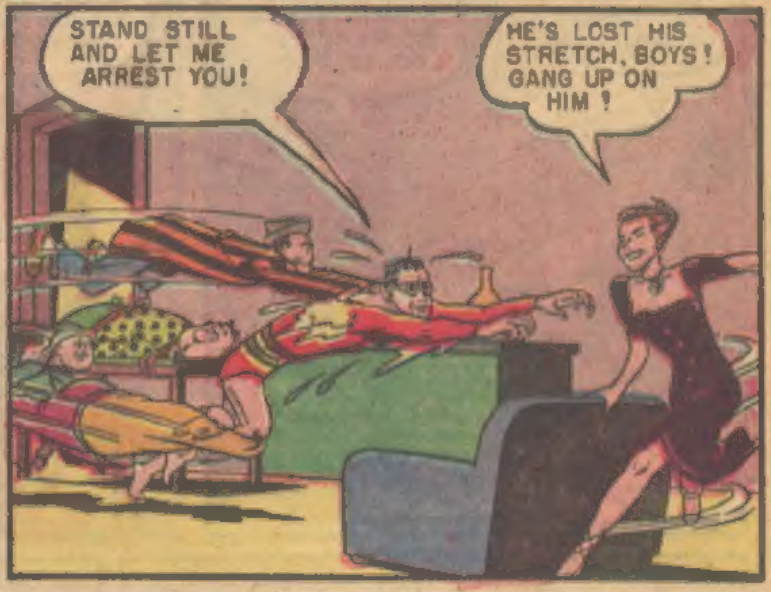
DON'T KNOW HER ADDRESS, BUT ONCE SHE GIMME HER PHONE NUMBER! DROP IN A NICKEL AND CALL HER!
DROP IN A NICKEL, DID YE SAY? WHEEST, NOW, LET'S NOT BE HASTY!
TULA-0022
I'LL PAY FOR THE CALL! WHILE YOU'RE TALKING TO HER I'LL GET THE CALL TRACED AND FIND HER ADDRESS!
CLINK
HOOT AWA', MY GUID FRIEND! IS MISS TULA THERRE? TELL HER 'TIS AN ADMIRER CALLING!
HELLO, OPERATOR! THIS IS PLASTIC MAN OF THE F.B.I! TRACE THAT CALL TO 0022 AND TELL ME WHERE THE OTHER PARTY'S TALKING FROM!
TULA-0022
IT'S THAT SCOTCHMAN, TULA! HE'S MAKING A PLAY FOR YOU!
WE CAN'T BATTLE HIM AND PLASTIC MAN AT THE SAME TIME! TELL HIM I'LL MEET HIM IN THE PARK IN AN HOUR!
SHE WOULDN'T SPEAK TO ME! I MUST BE LOSIN' MY CHARRM!
COIN RETURN
BUT THE CONNECTION STAYED LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO FIND OUT THE ADDRESS!
HURRY! HURRY!
NOT SO FAST, PLOSTIC MON! IT WEARS OOT MY SHOES!
AS SOON AS WE TRAP YOUR PAL, PLASTIC MAN, WE'LL BE THROUGH WITH YOU AND KILL YOU HORRIBLY!
I DARE YOU TO TRY IT!





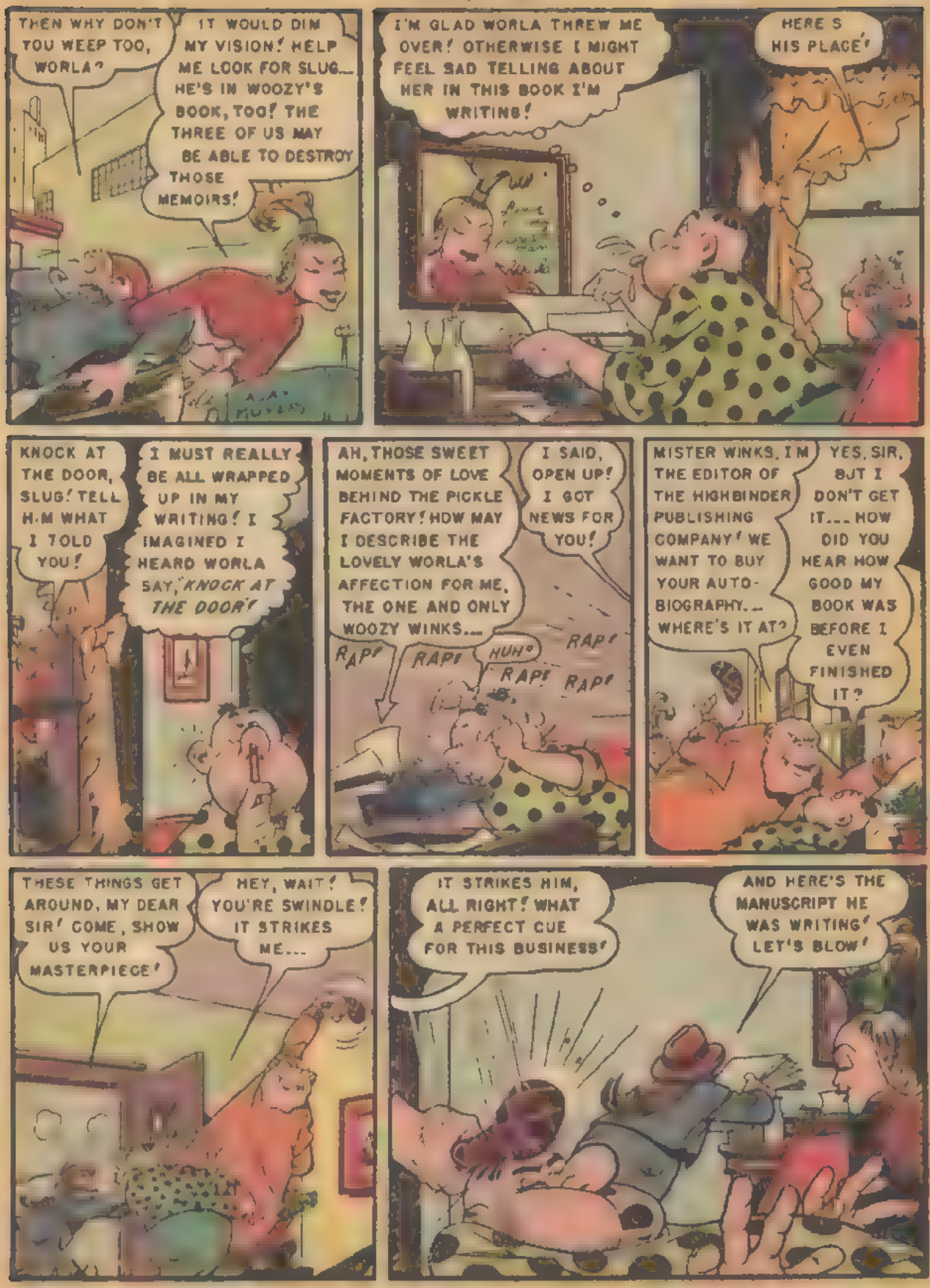
THE COLD TREATMENT HAS REDUCED THE ELASTICITY OF THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER...

WHAT I RREALLY CAME TO AMERICA FOR IS ENTERING YON DOOR!
WON'T CARNIGO BE HAPPY WHEN HE COMES!
HERE HE IS NOW!
LOOK, CARNIGO! WE'VE CAUGHT PLASTIC MAN!
I'LL LOOK LATER! JUST NOW I'M FREEZING! I FELL INTO THE POND AND GOT BLOWN RIGHT OUT AGAIN! IT'S TERRIBLE!
DON'T LIGHT THAT FIRE, CARNIGO!
WHEN DID YOU START TELLING ME WHAT TO DO, DELTOID?
AH! NOW I'M COMFORTABLE AGAIN!
'TIS ANGUS MACWHANGUS WHO WILL PUT A STOP TO THAT!
SO YOU FOUND YOUR WAY HERE, MACWHANGUS!
AYE! YOU'RE KIN TO THE CLAN OF MACGOONUS ON YOUR MITHER'S SIDE... AND THE MACWHANGUS CLAN HAS FEUDED WITH THE MACGOONUS CLAN SINCE LANG SYNE!
IN FACT, YE CAME TO SCOTLAND LAST YEAR TO HELP THE MACGOONUSES IN THE FEUD... AND YE STOLE THE SECRET DISTILLING FORMULA OF THE MACWHANGUSES!
LET GO!

NOT ONLY THAT... YOU'RE WEARING A NECKTIE OF THE MACWHANGUS PLAID! IT'S A DEADLY INSULT!
GRAB THIS KILTED TROUBLE-MAKER, BOYS!
COME ONE, COME ALL! I LIKE A FIGHT, SO LONG AS IT'S FREE!
POOR, BRAVE MACWHANGUS! IF PLAS COULDN'T CONQUER THEM, MACWHANGUS CAN'T!
FIRST PLAS, THEN MACWHANGUS, THEN ME!
I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, WOOZY! YOU GIVE ME UP TOO SOON!
BOP!
POW!
BUT PLAS! THAT LIQUID AIR TOOK ALL THE ELASTIC OUT OF YOUR MUSCLES!
THAT BLAZING FIRE WARMED ME UP AS GOOD AS NEW! NOW TO HELP MACWHANGUS!
ARRAGH!
WE'LL START LIKE THIS!
EVERY SECOND THE ODDS GET CLOSER TO EVEN!
LET ME GO!
IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS THAT MAKE POLICE WORK PLEASANT!

AND YE DAFTIE LOON! DO YE STILL DOUBT I CAN'T WHOP YE ALL TOGETHER?
WHY DON'T YOU GET LOST? THERE'S NO GAIN FOR YOU IN CAUSING THIS FUSS HERE!
NAE GAIN? WHY, MON, I DROPPED A DIME ON THE FLOOR SOMEWHERE!
I SURRENDER!
KLONK
THE DIME... AH, I'VE FOUND IT!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, TULA! YOU'RE MY PRISONER!
D'YE SEE MY METHODS, LADDIE? SINGLE-HANDED I WHOPPED THEM ALL, EVERY MON OF THEM!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT! I'LL HELP YOU TAKE THEM TO JAIL! THEY'LL BE BOOKED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER!
FINALLY...
CONGRATULATIONS, MR MACWHANGLES! YOU MUST HAVE A GENEROUS EDUCATION IN CRIMINOLOGY!
FOOSH, MON! DINNA SAY THAT UGLY WORRD, GENEROUS!
NOW, I SUPPOSE YOU'LL RETURN TO YOUR NATIVE SCOTLAND!
NO! I'M HEADIN' WEST ... TO THE GREAT OPEN SPACES! YE SEE ...
THEY'VE ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT IN THE GREAT OPEN SPACES LIFE IS FREE!

WOOZY
LIFE STORY of Woozy Winks
YES, LADIES AND GENTS! MY BOOK CONTAINS SOME OF THE MOST LIVING CHARACTERS IN ALL LITERATURE!
LECTURE TONIGHT 8 P.M.
YESSUM, ONLY ABOUT TEN OR TWELVE MORE SHEETS OF PAPER! MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY'S ALMOST FINISHED!
HEAR THAT, SWINDLE? WOOZY WINKS IS TELLING ALL IN HIS BOOK! AND BY ALL, I MEAN ALL ABOUT YOU, TOO!
STATION
WOOZY! THIS LIFE STORY OF YOURS... DO YOU INCLUDE MY CAREER, TOO?
SURE, SWINDLE! YOU MAKE UP ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING CHAPTERS!
SPEAKING ABOUT MY DESCRIPTION OF YOU... HOW DO YOU SPELL OBNOXIOUS?
STOP SNIVELLING, SWINDLE! ALL HE HAS ON YOU IS YOUR CRIMINAL CAREER! BUT ABOUT ME... HE CAN WRITE OF MY FORMER FOOLISHNESS IN ROMANCING HIM!


THEN WHY DON'T YOU WEEP TOO, WORLA?
IT WOULD DIM MY VISION! HELP ME LOOK FOR SLUG... HE'S IN WOOZY'S BOOK, TOO! THE THREE OF US MAY BE ABLE TO DESTROY THOSE MEMOIRS!
I'M GLAD WORLA THREW ME OVER! OTHERWISE I MIGHT FEEL SAD TELLING ABOUT HER IN THIS BOOK I'M WRITING!
HERE'S HIS PLACE!
KNOCK AT THE DOOR, SLUG! TELL H.M WHAT I TOLD YOU!
I MUST REALLY BE ALL WRAPPED UP IN MY WRITING! I IMAGINED I HEARD WORLA SAY, "KNOCK AT THE DOOR!"
AH, THOSE SWEET MOMENTS OF LOVE BEHIND THE PICKLE FACTORY! HOW MAY I DESCRIBE THE LOVELY WORLA'S AFFECTION FOR ME, THE ONE AND ONLY WOOZY WINKS...
I SAID, OPEN UP! I GOT NEWS FOR YOU!
RAP!
RAP!
HUH?
RAP!
RAP!
RAP!
MISTER WINKS, I'M THE EDITOR OF THE HIGHBINDER PUBLISHING COMPANY! WE WANT TO BUY YOUR AUTO-BIOGRAPHY... WHERE'S IT AT?
YES, SIR, BUT I DON'T GET IT... HOW DID YOU HEAR HOW GOOD MY BOOK WAS BEFORE I EVEN FINISHED IT?
THESE THINGS GET AROUND, MY DEAR SIR! COME, SHOW US YOUR MASTERPIECE!
HEY, WAIT! YOU'RE SWINDLE! IT STRIKES ME...
IT STRIKES HIM, ALL RIGHT! WHAT A PERFECT CUE FOR THIS BUSINESS!
AND HERE'S THE MANUSCRIPT HE WAS WRITING! LET'S BLOW!

QUICK, INTO THE ALLEY! WE'LL BUILD A FIRE AND BURN THIS STUFF HE WROTE!
WAIT, BOYS!
LET'S BE SURE IT'S HIS REAL LIFE STORY BEFORE WE BURN IT!
YES, HERE'S THE TITLE... DO TELL! THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WOOZY WINKS! HMMM... QUITE SPICY, TOO!
THE BOOK MENTIONS SLUG... HA! HA! SAYS HE WAS A PETTY-LARCENY CROOK, WITH NO TALENT FOR REAL CRIME!
I'LL SUE HIM FOR LIBEL! LEMME HAVE A HINGE AT THAT STUFF!
YUK! YUK! GET THIS ABOUT SWINDLE! TELLS HOW YOU BLEW A SAFE IN AN OLD SOUTHERN MANSION AND T HAD ONLY CONFEDERATE MONEY INSIDE!
PERHAPS IT DOESN'T MENTION ME AFTER ALL!
OH, YES IT DOES, WORLA! READ WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT HIS FIRST DATE WITH HER, SLUG! WOW!
GIVE ME THAT MANUSCRIPT, YOU TWO!
WHY... YOU TWO CLUMSY FOOLS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, WORLA? WE STOLE THE BOOK LIKE YOU SAID! WOOZY CAN'T PUBLISH IT NOW!
THAT'S ONLY THE CARBON COPY! WOOZY WINKS STILL HAS THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT!
HE WAS DOUBLING UP ON IT, HUH?

QUICK! WE MUST GET BACK TO WOOZY'S PLACE!
AND I MUST GET THERE FIRST!
OH! OH! OH!
ARE YOU REVIVING, MR [redacted] UP AND LISTEN TO ME!
WORLA SENT HOODLUMS TO STEAL YOUR GREAT WORK, BUT THEY GOT ONLY THE CARBON COPY!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR! HERE'S THE ORIGINAL, SAFE AND SOUND!
THEY'RE COMING BACK FOR THE REAL SCRIPT, BUT I'LL PROTECT YOU! FINISH THE BOOK, AT ONCE!
IT'S PRACTICALLY DONE!
CLACKETY CLACK
DON'T STOP TO KNOCK THIS TIME! GO IN THERE, PULVERIZE HIM AND GRAB THAT BOOK!
LEAVE IT TO US!
AH, GENTLEMEN! YOU WANTED SOMETHING, MAYBE?
IT'S MR HUNCH! QUICK, SLUG, GET THAT MACHINE GUN WORKING!
LEAVE! DEPART! VANISH, BEFORE I REALLY GET ROUGH!
IF HUNCH IS PROTECTING WOOZY, I'M THROUGH TRYING TO STEAL THAT BOOK!

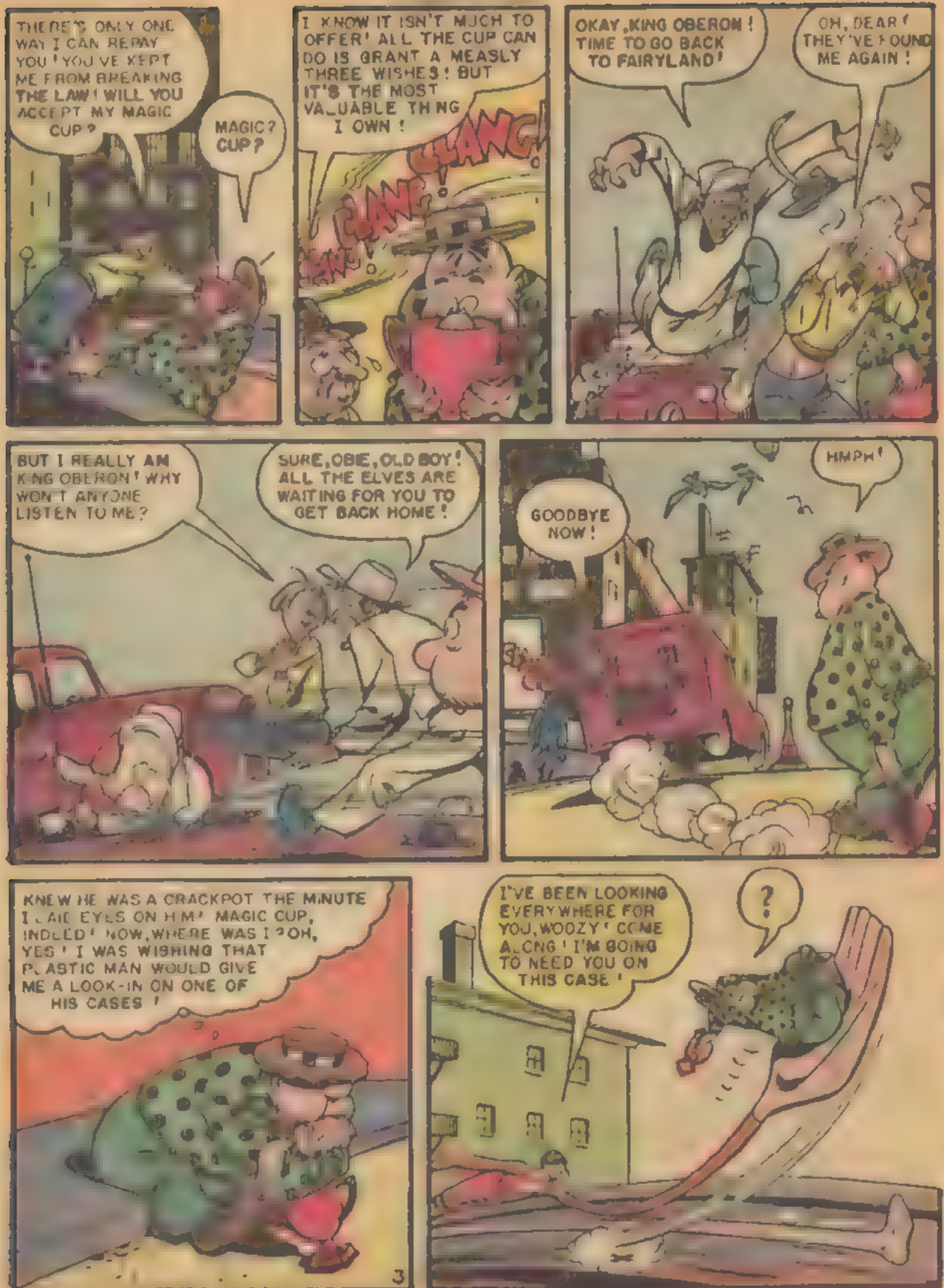
THERE, MY FRIEND! I'VE FINISHED THE BOOK!
AND IT'S AS JUICY AND EMBARRASSING A COLLECTION OF SCANDAL AS I'VE EVER READ! THANK YOU, MR. WINKS!
THANK ME? FOR WHAT?
MY NAME IS MR. HUNCH! MY PROFESSION IS BLACKMAIL! YOUR AUTO-BIOGRAPHY SUPPLIES ME WITH SCORES OF STORIES WHICH PEOPLE WILL PAY ME NOT TO TELL!
OF COURSE, YOU MUST NOT TELL THEM EITHER! SO I'LL SILENCE YOU!
NOW WAIT, MR HUNCH! DON'T KILL ME — I'VE GOT MY LITERARY CAREER TO THINK ABOUT!
STOP A MINUTE AND I'LL CUT YOU TO OUNCES!
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE ME A BETTER PROPOSITION THAN THAT!
I'LL GET YOU!
DO ALL AUTHORS LIVE THIS KIND OF LIFE?
OHHHH...
MY BOOK! I'VE SAVED IT!
YES, GRANDMA, I *WILL* TAKE ANOTHER PIECE OF PIE! HOW NICE TO BE HERE FOR SUNDAY DINNER...
I'M DELAYING DELIVERY OF THE BOOK, MR. EDITOR! I'VE GOT TO FIX MY TYPEWRITER AND WRITE *ONE MORE THRILLING CHAPTER!*

LEMME OUTTA HERE! OH, I WISH PLASTIC MAN WERE HERE!
THE MAGIC CUP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT THREE WISHES! A CHARMING LEGEND, PERHAPS, BUT OBVIOUSLY BEYOND THE REALM OF REASON! NO ONE BUT WOOZY WINKS WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT--AND NO ONE BUT PLASTIC MAN COULD HAVE MADE HIS WISHES COME TRUE!
PLASTIC MAN

AW, PLAS, WHY NOT?
BECAUSE THIS IS A PRIVATE CONFERENCE!
FBI

SINCE YOU'RE NOT AN F.B.I. AGENT, YOU CAN'T LISTEN IN ON AFFAIRS THAT DON'T CONCERN YOU!

AND DON T TRY TO EAVESDROP EITHER !
FBI
BAH, HOW AM I EVER GONNA BE A GREAT CR ME F GHTER .F PLAS KEEPS TREAT NG ME LIKE EXCESS BAGGAGE ?
STOMP
STOMP
SOMETIMES I THINK PLAS IS JEALOUS ! HE'S AFRAID IF I GO ALONG ON A CASE, I MIGHT WIND UP STEALING ALL HIS THUNDER !
I HOPE THE WATER ISN T TOO COLD !
DO YOU THINK THE WATER IS VERY COLD TODAY ?
OH, WHAT'S THE D FFERENCE ?
SNORT
OH, THERE'S A GREAT DIFFERENCE ! YOU SEE I'M GOING SWIMMING AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE I DROWN !
HUH ?
HEY ! YOU CAN T DO THAT !
WHY NOT ?
THERE'S A LAW AGAINST IT ! THERE MUST BE ! PEOPLE JUST CAN'T GO AROUND JUMPING OFF BRIDGES, YOU KNOW !
HMM ! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT !


THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN REPAY YOU! YOU'VE KEPT ME FROM BREAKING THE LAW! WILL YOU ACCEPT MY MAGIC CUP?
MAGIC? CUP?
I KNOW IT ISN'T MUCH TO OFFER! ALL THE CUP CAN DO IS GRANT A MEASLY THREE WISHES! BUT IT'S THE MOST VALUABLE THING I OWN!
CLANG!
CLANG!
OKAY, KING OBERON! TIME TO GO BACK TO FAIRYLAND!
OH, DEAR! THEY'VE FOUND ME AGAIN!
BUT I REALLY AM KING OBERON! WHY WON'T ANYONE LISTEN TO ME?
SURE, OBIE, OLD BOY! ALL THE ELVES ARE WAITING FOR YOU TO GET BACK HOME!
GOODBYE NOW!
HMPH!
KNEW HE WAS A CRACKPOT THE MINUTE I LAID EYES ON HIM! MAGIC CUP, INDEED! NOW, WHERE WAS I? OH, YES! I WAS WISHING THAT PLASTIC MAN WOULD GIVE ME A LOOK-IN ON ONE OF HIS CASES!
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I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU, WOOZY! COME ALONG! I'M GOING TO NEED YOU ON THIS CASE!
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MOMENTS LATER...
GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT? YOU DRIVE THE ARMORED CAR RIGHT IN THROUGH THE GATE OF THE DEARMONT CHEMICAL FACTORY!
THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
KRINKS
THE HOODS PLANNED THIS PAYROLL JOB CAREFULLY! SOME OF THE MEN ARE ACTUALLY EMPLOYED INSIDE THE PLANT! THEY'LL PULL OFF THE ACTUAL ROBBERY AND TRY TO ESCAPE IN YOUR TRUCK!
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF THE GANG?
YOU'RE CLICKING ON ALL TWO CYLINDERS! THE F.B.I. PICKED UP TWITCHY WILSON A FEW HOURS AGO! THEY SENT ME TO CHAUFFEUR THE ARMORED CAR... BUT HE WON'T TALK ABOUT WHO HIS CONFEDERATES IN CRIME ARE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! THAT'S TO GO THROUGH WITH THE ROBBERY AS SCHEDULED, AND LET THEM TIP THEIR HANDS! GOOD LUCK, WOOZY!
TH-THANKS!
RRR-RRRRR
I HOPE PLASTIC MAN ISN'T FAR BEHIND ME! I CAN FORESEE ALL SORTS OF HITCHES IN THIS SCHEME!
FOR INSTANCE, WHEN THEY FIND OUT I'M NOT TWITCHY WILSON THEY'RE LIABLE TO KEEP RIGHT ON SHOOTING... AT ME!
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PLAS!
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YOU WERE EXPECTING SOMEONE ELSE?
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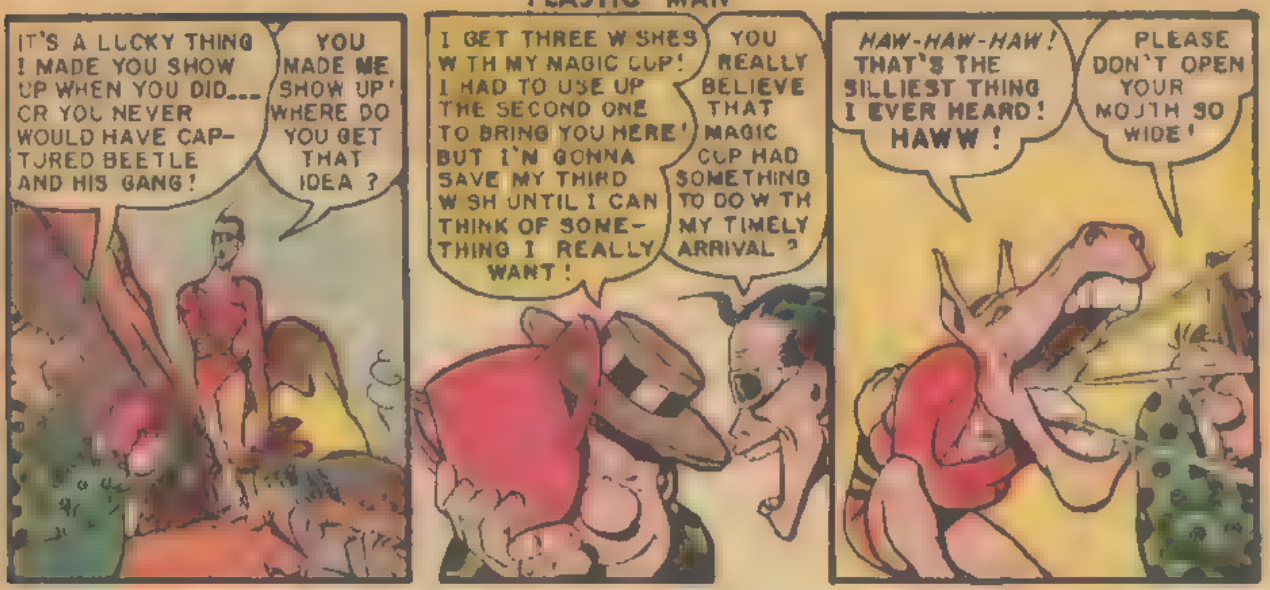
I'M SO SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU!
PERHAPS YOU WOULD PREFER TO MEET SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE THIS?
SIGHHH! DON'T WAKE ME UP JUST LET ME DREAM!
OR WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LOOK EVEN MORE MENACING? I CAN DO IT, YOU KNOW!
GHAA!
ATTABOY, PLAS! SCARE 'EM TO DEATH! HA HA-HA! ISN'T MY PAL PLASTIC MAN TERRIFIC?
HE SURE IS!
SOCK!
SOCK!
BUT EVEN PLASTIC MAN COULDN'T GET HERE IN TIME TO STOP ME FROM PULLING THIS TRIGGER! SO CALL OFF THAT RUBBER BLOODHOUND .. OR GET USED TO WALKING ARCUND WITH A HOLE IN YOUR HEAD!
ULP!
P-P-P-PLAS! I THINK HE M-MEANS IT!
I KNOW HE DOES! OKAY, BEETLE, YOU CAN CRAWL OFF WITH YOUR THUGS! BUT DON'T HARM WOOZY WINKS!
I'LL JUST TAKE HIM ALONG AS INSURANCE! IF WE SPOT YOU FOLLOWING US, PLASTIC MAN, SOMEBODY CAN START COLLECTING ON ALL THOSE PREMIUMS HE'S BEEN PAYING!
BEAT IT, BEETLE, BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!

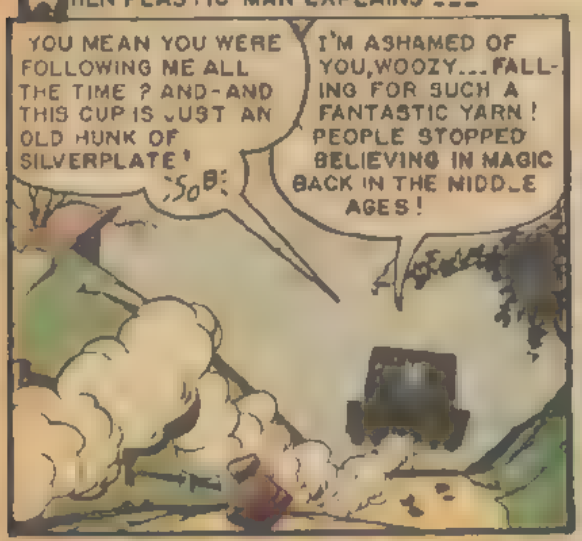
YOU LET 'EM GET AWAY! WITH TWO HUNDRED GRAND IN PAYROLL MONEY!
I GOT WOOZY INTO THIS MESS! I COULDN'T LET THEM KILL HIM! BUT THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN AWAY!
RRRRRR
YOU CAN'T FOLLOW THEM! IF THEY SEE YOU...
I'VE GOT A PLAN! THIS IS A CHEMICAL FACTORY, ISN'T IT?
I'LL JUST TAKE A FEW LUNGFULS OF THIS HELIUM COMPOUND!
AND ALL I NEED IS A SIGN ADVERTISING LA MORONO CIGARS! TA-TA!
THERE GOES THE ARMORED CAR NOW! THEY TOOK A LONELY HIGHWAY TO MAKE SURE THEY WEREN'T BEING FOLLOWED! BUT THEY CAN'T SEE ME UP HERE!
MEANWHILE...
NOBODY'S FOLLOWING US, BEETLE! THE ROAD'S CLEAR!
PLASTIC MAN'S DESERTED ME! HE'S THROWN ME AT THE MERCY OF THESE HUMAN WOLVES!
OKAY! THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO DROP OFF KNOTHEAD!
POOR KNOTHEAD! IT MUST BE AN EIGHT HUNDRED FOOT FALL! I DON'T SEE HOW HE CAN POSSIBLY SURVIVE!

MAYBE YOU DIDN'T GET THE POINT, KNUCKLEHEAD! YOU'RE GOING TO DO THE HIGH DIVING ACT!
ME? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! WHY, A PERSON CAN GET KILLED PULLING STUNTS LIKE THAT!
THE IDEA IS STARTING TO DAWN ON YOU, BIGBRAIN! SO LONG!
EEYOW!
THIS IS THE BITTER END! OH, HOW I WISH PLAS WOULD SHOW UP NOW!
HUH?
GOT YOU!
IS IT A BIRD? A PLANE?
NO! IT'S PLASTIC MAN!
I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO THAT ASTROLOGER WHEN HE SAID NINETEEN FIFTY WASN'T GONNA BE A GOOD YEAR FOR ME!
MY LIL OLD MAGIC CUP!
POOF
YOU'RE GOING TO BE BREAKING ROCKS THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, BEETLE! MIGHT AS WELL START GETTING USED TO IT!

PLASTIC MAN

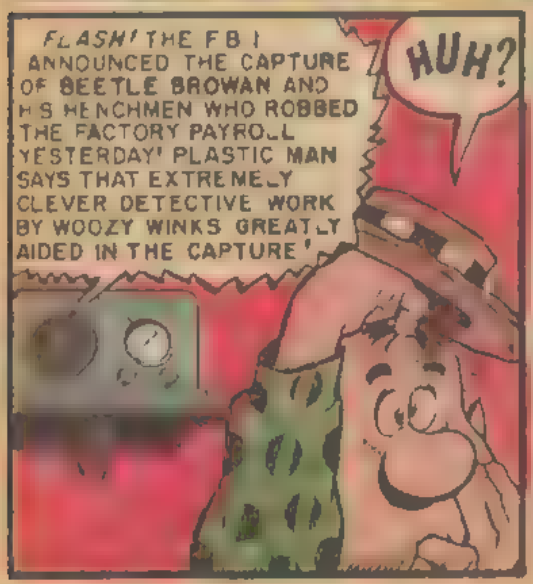

IT'S A LUCKY THING I MADE YOU SHOW UP WHEN YOU DID--- OR YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE CAPTURED BEETLE AND HIS GANG!
YOU MADE ME SHOW UP! WHERE DO YOU GET THAT IDEA?
I GET THREE WISHES WITH MY MAGIC CUP! I HAD TO USE UP THE SECOND ONE TO BRING YOU HERE! BUT I'M GONNA SAVE MY THIRD WISH UNTIL I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING I REALLY WANT!
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT MAGIC CUP HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY TIMELY ARRIVAL?
HAW-HAW-HAW! THAT'S THE SILLIEST THING I EVER HEARD! HAWW!
PLEASE DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH SO WIDE!

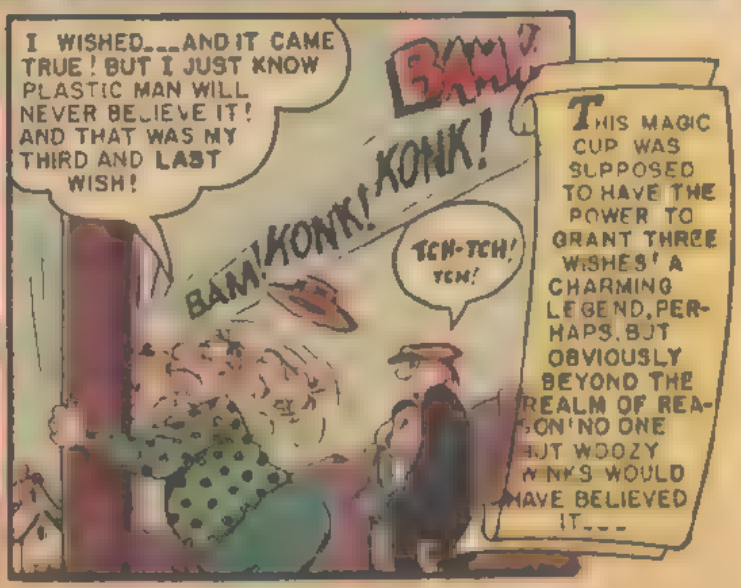
WHEN PLASTIC MAN EXPLAINS ---


YOU MEAN YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME ALL THE TIME? AND-AND THIS CUP IS JUST AN OLD HUNK OF SILVERPLATE!
SOB!
I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, WOOZY... FALLING FOR SUCH A FANTASTIC YARN! PEOPLE STOPPED BELIEVING IN MAGIC BACK IN THE MIDDLE AGES!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IN UNCLE BEN'S PAWNSHOP ---

YOU WANT TEN BUCKS FOR THIS? I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY CENTS--- COLD CASH!
I'LL TAKE IT! PLASTIC MAN'S STILL LAUGHING AT ME FOR BEING SUCH A DOPE! I JUST WISH HE'D GIVE ME SOME CREDIT FOR BRAINS SOMEDAY!


FLASH! THE FBI ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF BEETLE BROWAN AND HIS HENCHMEN WHO ROBBED THE FACTORY PAYROLL YESTERDAY! PLASTIC MAN SAYS THAT EXTREMELY CLEVER DETECTIVE WORK BY WOOZY WINKS GREATLY AIDED IN THE CAPTURE!
HUH?


I WISHED---AND IT CAME TRUE! BUT I JUST KNOW PLASTIC MAN WILL NEVER BELIEVE IT! AND THAT WAS MY THIRD AND LAST WISH!
BAM!
BAM! KONK! KONK!
TCH-TCH! TCH!
THIS MAGIC CUP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT THREE WISHES! A CHARMING LEGEND, PERHAPS, BUT OBVIOUSLY BEYOND THE REALM OF REASON! NO ONE BUT WOOZY WINKS WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT---

PLASTIC MAN
TAP
TAP
LISTEN TO THAT RAIN COME DOWN, PLAS! WE D BETTER STOP LOOKING FOR MR. AQUA!
LIKE MOST TROUBLE DOES, THIS BEGAN WITH AN IDEA...
I'LL FIND IT! THE CATALYST THAT WILL UNITE THE ATOMS OF WATER TO FORM A STABLE SOLID! AND WHEN I DO, IT LL BE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF THE AGE!
JUST THINK OF IT! WATER THAT WILL BE SOLID ENOUGH TO WALK ON! WHY, IT'LL DO AWAY WITH ALL THE USELESS EXPENSE OF BRIDGES AND UNDERWATER TUNNELS!

PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE ACROSS THE OCEANS IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES! THE NAME OF *DUNCAN GROAT* WILL BE FAMOUS!
FLOP! FLOP!
SOMETHING'S WRONG! SOME OF THE CHEMICALS IN THOSE VIALS FELL INTO MY TEST FLUID! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT'S GOING TO...
BOOM!
AND WHEN THE SMOKE OF THE EXPLOSION CLEARS...
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? *YOU* MADE *ME!*
A WATER CREATURE! IT'S FANTASTIC! SOMEHOW THOSE CHEMICALS UNITED WITH WATER TO FORM CORPUSCULAR LIFE!
SKIP THE BIG WORDS! THE QUESTION IS, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, NOW?
OO? THERE'S A MEETING OF THE SCIENCE COUNCIL GOING ON RIGHT NOW! YOU AND I ARE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!
STOP SPLASHING ME ALL UP! I'M NOT MADE OUT OF FLESH AND BLOOD, YOU KNOW!
AT THE SCIENCE COUNCIL...
HA-HA!
THEY--THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME!
FUNNIEST THING I EVER HEARD!
MR AQUA, A WATER MAN!
HO HO HO
HAW!

COME NOW, GROAT! ADMIT THAT YOU'RE A FRAUD! THIS WATER MAN STORY OF YOURS IS JUST A HOAX!
BUT-- BUT...
HOAX, AM I?
I WON'T WAIT OUTSIDE ANY LONGER AND LISTEN TO INSULTS! NO ONE CAN TALK ABOUT ME THAT WAY!
YIII!
INCREDIBLE!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT! THERE CAN'T BE SUCH A GROTESQUE CREATURE! HE'S SOME KIND OF OPTICAL ILLUSION!
THAT DOES IT!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHETHER OR NOT I'M MADE OF WATER! I'LL DROWN YOU!
NO, MR. AQUA! DON'T!
AT THIS MOMENT...
I WANT TO DROP IN AT THE SCIENCE COUNCIL, WOOZY! THEY'RE GOING TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC AIDS IN CATCHING CRIMINALS AND...
HELP!
ANYTHING WRONG?
MR. AQUA! HE'S D--D-- DROWNING THE P--PRESIDENT OF THE SCIENCE COUNCIL!
OH, WELL! ASK A STUPID QUESTION AND YOU GET A STUPID ANSWER! I'LL INVESTIGATE AND SEE FOR MYSELF!
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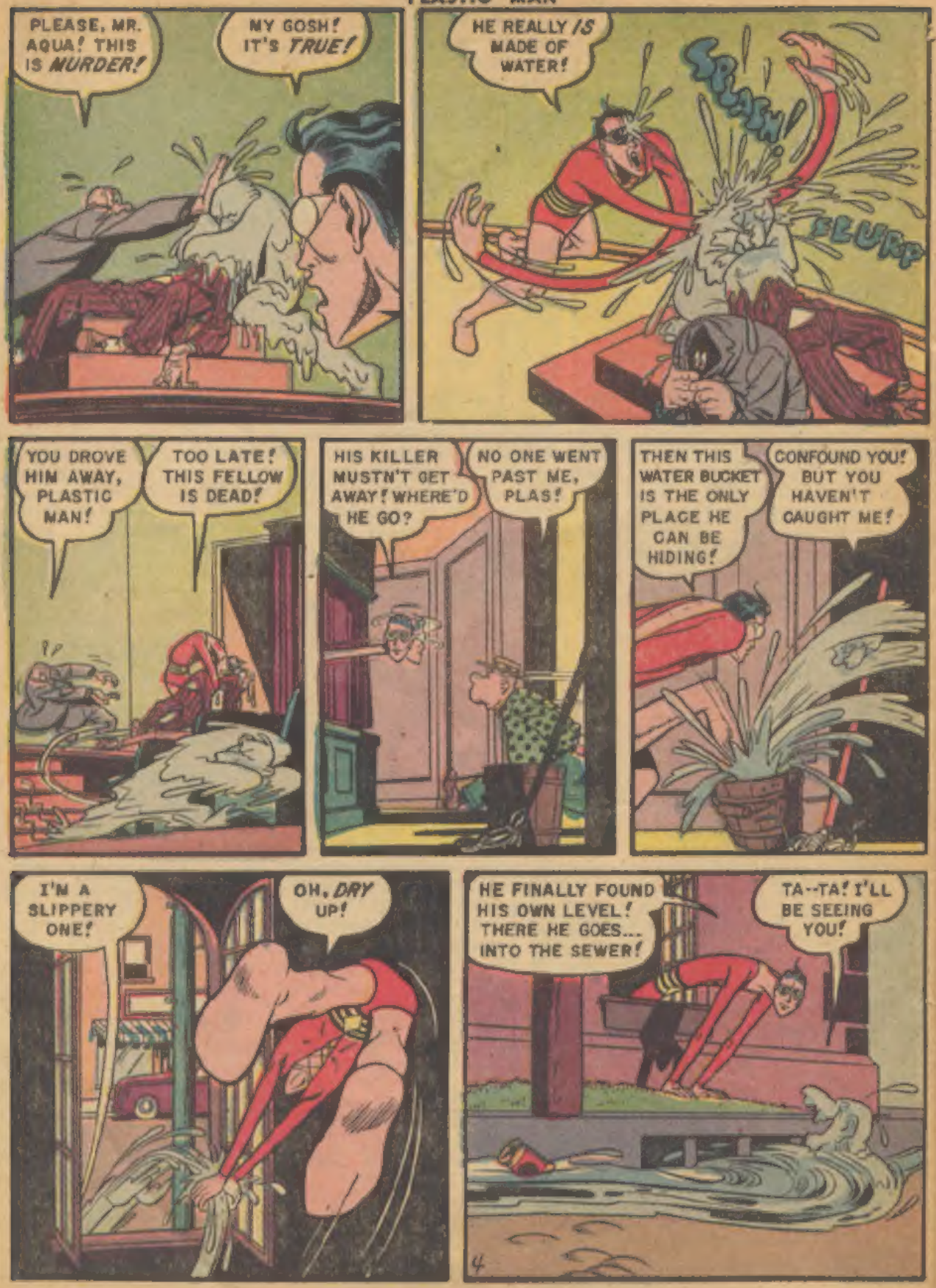
PLEASE, MR. AQUA! THIS IS MURDER!
MY GOSH! IT'S TRUE!
HE REALLY IS MADE OF WATER!
SPLASH!
FLUPP
YOU DROVE HIM AWAY, PLASTIC MAN!
TOO LATE! THIS FELLOW IS DEAD!
HIS KILLER MUSTN'T GET AWAY! WHERE'D HE GO?
NO ONE WENT PAST ME, PLAS!
THEN THIS WATER BUCKET IS THE ONLY PLACE HE CAN BE HIDING!
CONFOUND YOU! BUT YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME!
I'M A SLIPPERY ONE!
OH, DRY UP!
HE FINALLY FOUND HIS OWN LEVEL! THERE HE GOES... INTO THE SEWER!
TA--TA! I'LL BE SEEING YOU!
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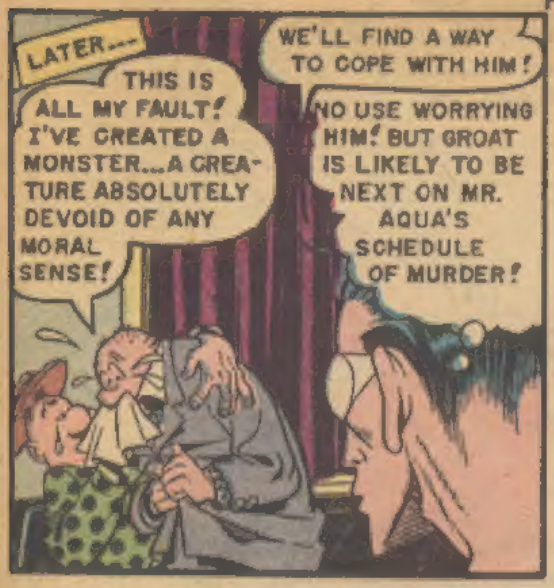

LATER---
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! I'VE CREATED A MONSTER...A CREATURE ABSOLUTELY DEVOID OF ANY MORAL SENSE!
WE'LL FIND A WAY TO COPE WITH HIM!
NO USE WORRYING HIM! BUT GROAT IS LIKELY TO BE NEXT ON MR. AQUA'S SCHEDULE OF MURDER!

LET US KNOW AT ONCE IF YOU LEARN MR. AQUA'S WHEREABOUTS!
I--I WILL, PLASTIC MAN!

WHEN DUNCAN GROAT RETURNS TO HIS LABORATORY...
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO GET RID OF MR. AQUA! I'LL WASH UP AND GO RIGHT TO WORK ON NEW EXPERIMENTS!
YOU'RE A FOOL, GROAT!

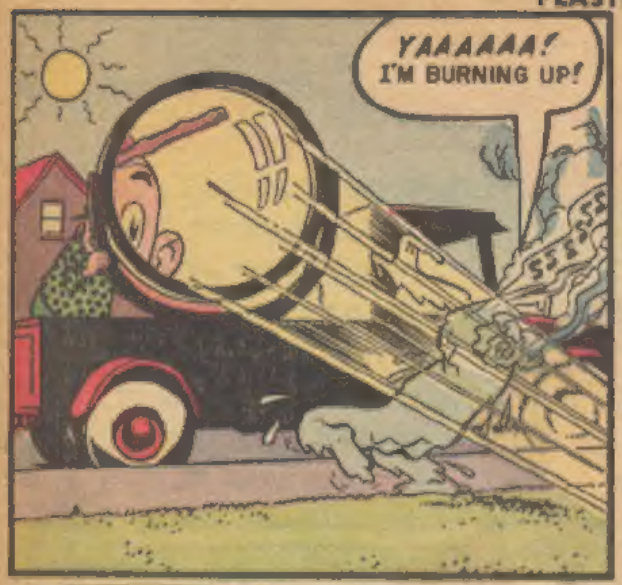
MR. AQUA! BUT--BUT HOW DID YOU GET IN?
THROUGH THE WATER FAUCET, NATURALLY! I'VE BEEN HIDING IN THE BASIN UNTIL YOU CAME!

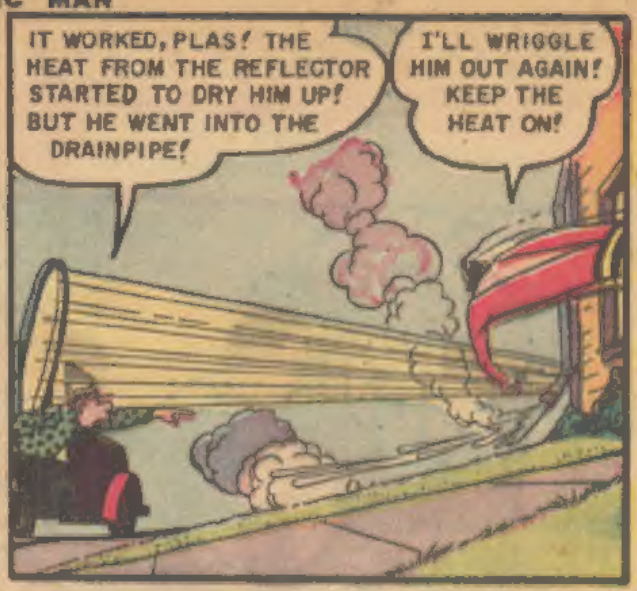
I'VE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU! YOU'VE GOT BRAINS... AND I CAN DO ANYTHING! TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A FORTUNE...IN CRIME!
NO! NEVER!

I WAS AFRAID THAT WOULD BE YOUR ANSWER! YOU'RE THE ONE MAN WHO MIGHT FIND A WAY TO DESTROY ME! SO YOU'VE GOT TO DIE!
GLUB!

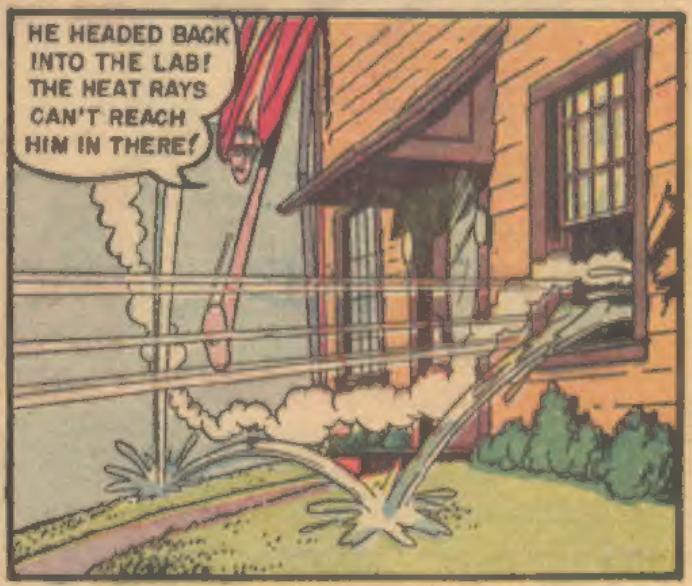
SUDDENLY!
I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!
P--PLASTIC MAN!

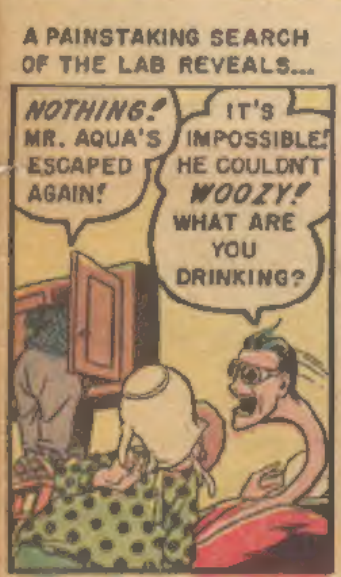
I WAS CERTAIN YOU'D SHOW UP HERE AGAIN, MR. AQUA!
HOW CLEVER OF YOU, PLASTIC MAN!
WHAP!
BUT EVEN YOU CAN'T HURT ME!
SNIP!
SNIP!
SNIP!
SNIP!
AND I CAN DROWN YOU!
GLUB?
GULP!
GULP!
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS! I'M CAPABLE OF A FEW TRICKS OF MY OWN!
HUH?
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
LET ME OUT!
GLADLY!
SPLASH!
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! TRY TO STOP ME!
NOW, PLAS?
NOW!


YAAAAAA! I'M BURNING UP!


IT WORKED, PLAS! THE HEAT FROM THE REFLECTOR STARTED TO DRY HIM UP! BUT HE WENT INTO THE DRAINPIPE!
I'LL WRIGGLE HIM OUT AGAIN! KEEP THE HEAT ON!

TSK--TSK! YOU DON'T LOOK WELL AT ALL, MR. AQUA! YOU'RE JUST FADING AWAY!
YOU-- YOU--


HE HEADED BACK INTO THE LAB! THE HEAT RAYS CAN'T REACH HIM IN THERE!


A PAINSTAKING SEARCH OF THE LAB REVEALS...
NOTHING! MR. AQUA'S ESCAPED AGAIN!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE COULDN'T WOOZY! WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING?

THERE WASN'T ANY WATER IN THAT PITCHER BEFORE! YOU JUST DRANK MR. AQUA!
BULP! I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! I WAS JUST THIRSTY!

SOME TIME LATER IN PLASTIC MAN'S APARTMENT...
I GUESS EVERYONE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE LAST OF MR. AQUA! THAT REMINDS ME! HAVE YOU READ ABOUT THE SERIOUS WATER SHORTAGE IN OUR CITY?
DOESN'T BOTHER ME, PLAS! I'VE SWORN OFF THE STUFF! WHY, IF I DRANK ANOTHER GLASS OF WATER IT'D MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A CANNIBAL!
SLURP!
SLURP!